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SUBJECT: HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE ON AID LEGISLATION

(BYRD AMENDMENT)

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO SENATOR
HUMPHREY:

DEAR SENATOR HUMPHREY:

"I WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT
OF THE RUPEE SETTLEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. I
THOUGHT YOUR ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE BYRD AMENDMENT ON THE SENATE
FLOOR WERE WELL PUT AND I AM SORRY THEY DID NOT IMMEDIATELY
CARRY THE DAY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE IN THE CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE ON THE AID BILL, AND I GATHER THE CHANCES FOR
ELIMINATING THE AMENDMENT ARE FAIRLY GOOD.

" YOU KNOW HOW CLOSELY THE ADMINISTRATION HAS WORKED WITH THE
CONGRESS THROUGHOUT MY ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A SWTTLEMENT OF THIS

VEXING PROBLEM WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 104 OF PL-480, THE PRESIDENT WILL TRANSMIT TO THE
SENATE AND HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES THE TERMS OF THE
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH INDIA THIRTY DAYS BEFORE ENTERING
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INTO THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. THIS MAKES THE BYRD AMENDMENT

UNNECESSARY, BUT SINCE ITS ADOPTION WOULD REQUIRE FULL
SENATE AND HOUSE VOTES, ITS ADOPTION WOULD AS A PRACTICAL
MATTER END ALL CHANCES TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT.

" IN NEGOTIATING THE AGREEMENT, WE HAVE RESISTED INDIAN
ATTEMPTS TO PUT A TIME LIMIT ON THE USE OF OUR RUPEES. AS WE
HAVE STRUCTURED THE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE ASSURED
ACCESS TO LOCAL CURRENCY TO PAY FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
EXPENDITURES IN INDIA AND NEPAL FOR PERHAPS 20 YEARS, DEPENDING
ON HOW FAST WE ACTUALLY SPENT THE RUPEES. I DOUBT THAT IT
IS REALISTIC TO TRY TO LOOK FURTHER INTO THE FUTURE THAN
THIS. I WOULD JUDGE THE PROSPECTS ON IMPROVING OUR RELATIONS
WITH THE INDIANS AS BLEAK IF WE DON'T NOW GO AHEAD AND GET
A SETTLEMENT OF THE RUPEE ISSUE.

" I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE RUPEE SETTLEMENT HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH INDIA'S DOLLAR DEBTS TO US OF \$3.4 BILLION. INDIA
IS PROUD OF ITS "BANKABILITY" AND I WOULD FIRMLY EXPECT
IT TO CONTINUE TO MEET THESE OBLIGATIONS ON TIME AS IT
ALWAYS HAS IN THE PAST.

"LET ME KNOW IF FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL."

SINCERELY,

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